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In re Patent Application of:

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For: HOP ACIDS AS AN ANTIMICROBIAL

AGENT FOR USE IN FOOD PROCESSING

**FACILITY** 

Examiner: K. Joyner

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006 ("the Action"), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks, together with a request for a one-month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.